[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

Equipment for Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai.

408. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether all the surgical instruments and other equipment recommended by Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai for his special work in the General Hospital have been obtained by the Government and whether all convenience for his special work has been afforded to him?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A few months before Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai's return to Travancore, he sent from Edinburgh a list of instruments required for his special department. The list contained 135 items. In the letter forwarding the list, he explicitly stated that it contained all the instruments required for his purpose. The Darbar Physician asked Dr. Raman Pillai to visit the firm of Messrs. Down Bros., in London, and personally select the articles. Dr. Raman Pillai cabled that the cost would be £. 322 and this was sanctioned by the Government on the recommendation of the Darbar Physician. The actual cost of supply, however, came to £. 441-15-7. In the meantime Dr. Raman Pillai sent a second list of 126 articles to the Darbar Physician and asked for their supply. But the latter took no action on it, partly because several articles contained in that list had been included in the first list and partly because Dr. Raman Pillai had explicitly stated that the first list comprised all the articles required by him. Later on, he sent a third list of fifty articles. The Darbar Physician says that ten of these articles had been included in the first list, thirteen are either available in the General Medical Stores or can be locally purchased, and that the others are either similar to articles supplied according to the first list or are not indispensable. Dr. Raman Pillai has condemned nine of the articles supplied to him, but according to the Darbar Physician they are all articles contained in the first list. The Darbar Physician says that the number and variety of the articles supplied to Dr. Raman Pillai are more than sufficient for his special work and that all reasonable conveniences have been afforded to him for carrying it on.

Loss due to Erosion of the Sea in Kartikapalli Taluk.

409. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the area of land on the sea coast of Pudupalli *proverthi* in the Karunagapalli taluk and Mutukulam *proverthi* in the Kartikapalli taluk eroded by the sea and the Kayankulam bar and the amount of loss sustained by the people during the last fifteen years, as also what help was rendered to them by the Government?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is reported that some lands were encroached upon by the sea in the Putupalli *pakuthi*, Karunagapalli taluk, within the last 15 years, but that, as there was no application for remission of tax, the exact area encroached upon has not been ascertained nor were any further steps taken.

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